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TREATY OF PARIS: DISPLAY AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON 29 SEPTEMBER

1. As you know, the organisers of the Treaty of Paris bicentennial celebrations suggested to us last week that the Treaty should be brought down from New York to be displayed at the White House for the Prime Minister's meeting with the President on 29 September. I understand that the FCO commended this proposal to No.10. We were instructed on Friday 23 September to go ahead. Our approaches to the White House revealed that they too were attracted by the idea.

2. We have therefore arranged for the Treaty to be brought to Washington from New York on Wednesday 28 September. It will be displayed this evening at the Treaty of Paris dinner at the Smithsonian which the President was at one stage considering attending. It will be taken to the White House on the morning of Thursday 29 September. We have discussed the arrangements with the White House staff. If you agree, the plan would be that the Prime Minister and President and their parties would come out of the White House after the lunch and be photographed in the normal way. The President and Prime Minister would then make their departure statements. The Treaty of Paris will be displayed on a stand nearby, probably to the right of the microphones. After the departure statements the Prime Minister and President would therefore move over to the stand and be photographed with the Treaty. We have agreed with the White House that there will be no speeches about the Treaty, but the Prime Minister and President might wish to say how pleased they are that it was possible to bring the British copy of the Treaty to the United States (the first time a British treaty has been allowed to travel outside the United Kingdom) and that a special effort was made to bring the Treaty from New York to Washington for their meeting. A brief allusion could be made to the significance of the Treaty for Anglo-American relations and to its wider meaning (negotiation in good faith for peace).

- A 3. I attach a copy of the press release which we have put out about the photo opportunity at the White House on 29 September.
- B Some background material about the Treaty is also attached.

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